

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAIRO 13985 141652Z

64

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 EUR-12 ISO-00 SSM-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01

SP-02 SS-15 USIA-06 SAM-01 AID-05 EB-07 AGRE-00 OMB-01

TRSE-00 IO-13 DHA-02 /109 W
----- 060990

R 141536Z OCT 76
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7888
INFO AMEMBASSY BANGUI
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 13985

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, EG, CT

SUBJECT: VISIT OF CAR PRESIDENT TO EGYPT

1. CAR PRESIDENT BOKASSA ARRIVED CAIRO ON FOUR DAY OFFICIAL VISIT OCT 10-13. ACCORDING TO PRESS, OFFICIAL TALKS FOCUSED ON AFRICAN AND ME POLITICAL ISSUES. HIGH-LEVEL GOE SIDE INCLUDED SADAT, PRIMIN/FONMIN AND MINISTERS OF INFORMATIONTEANSPO, AGRICULTURE, JUSTICE, MINSTATE FOR HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION. CAR DEL COMPRISED PERSONALADVISOR TO PRESIDENT DAVID DAKU, MINSTATE FOR PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND MINSTATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND RECONSTRUCTION. REPORTEDLY, BOKASSA EXPRESSED READINESS PLACE 620,000 SQUARE KILOMETERS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND "AT DISPOAL" OF EGYPTIAN AGRONOMISTS AND EXPERTS. EGYPTIAN MINFO LATER TOLD PRESS EGYPT HAS RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO ALL REQUESTS (NOT SPECIFIED) MADE BY BOKASSA.

2. PROTOCOL FOR AN EXECUTIVE PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL AND CULUTRAL COOPERATION, PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAIRO 13985 141652Z

JOINT COOPERATION COMMITTEE, WAS SIGNED AND JOINT

COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED. LATTER MADE TRADITIONAL REFERENCE TO NECESSITY OF ACHIEVING JUST ME PEACE BASED ON TOTAL ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL BEHIND 1967 BORDERS AND RECOGNITION PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, CONDEMNED ISRAELI "ATROCITIES" IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, DENOUNCED "ALLIANCE" BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA, SUPPORTED SADAT'S POLICY ON LEBANON, AND DENOUNCED APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA. ON RHODESIA, COMMUNIQUE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE AND WELCOMED ANY STEP LEADING TO PEACE AND SAFEGUARDING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF AFRICAN MAJORITY. IN PRESS CONFERENCE OCT. 13, BOKASSA STRESSED PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO RHODESIA MUST BE WORKED OUT; WAR IS INEVITABLE IF SMITH REGIME REFUSES OR DELAYS TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY TO AFRICANS.

3. COMMENT: GIVEN PRACTICAL INSIGNIFICANCE OF CAR-GOE RELATIONS, BOKASSA RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY. VISIT PUBLICIZED ON FRONT PAGES EVERY DAY AND PRIOR BOKASSA'S ARRIVAL, CAIRO RADIO ANNOUNCED HIS VISIT AS LEAD ITEM, EVEN THOUGH LEBANON WAS OBVIOUSLY MORE NEWSWORTHY. OFFER TO PLACE VAST TRACTS OF LAND AT EGYPTIAN DISPOSAL MIGHT CONCEIVABLY HAVE PIQUED INTEREST OF SADAT WHO PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH HIS OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM. INTRIGUINGLY, LIBYA, ABOUT WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED, DID NOT FIGURE IN ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS. NO JOURNALIST ASKED BOKASSA ABOUT QADHAFI DURING PRESS CONFERENCE. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY REPORT IN TRIPOLI 1293 THAT QADHAFI WILL VISIT CAR ABOUT OCT 20, ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER BOKASSA'S VISIT TO CAIRO. WE WOULD IMAGINE THAT LIBYA MUST HAVE BEEN TOPIC OF CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS, GIVEN SADAT'S VIEWS ON QADHAFI. EILTS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, CHIEF OF STATE VISITS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 OCT 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976CAIRO13985
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760386-1130
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19761054/aaaabuqm.tel
Line Count: 93
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 MAY 2004 by MartinML>; APPROVED <10 SEP 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: VISIT OF CAR PRESIDENT TO EGYPT
TAGS: PFOR, EG, CT, (BOKASSA, JEAN BEDEL)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006